

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195

In Memory
of
Adelaide Tambo

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Adelaide Tambo, who died January 31, 2007, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Johannesburg, South Africa, and a lifelong activist against apartheid, Adelaide Tambo was a mother figure for antiapartheid persons in exile and an impassioned advocate for the rights of the elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, A well-known heroine of the nation of South Africa, Mrs. Tambo was born July 18, 1929; she was the widow of African National Congress leader Oliver Tambo; the couple met at the launch of a new branch of the African National Congress Youth League; and

WHEREAS, Upon the advice of African National Congress activists, Adelaide and Oliver Tambo fled South Africa in 1960, and Mr. Tambo served as the group's leader in exile; throughout the years of struggle for freedom and equal rights for all of South Africa's citizens, Adelaide Tambo was a symbol of strength, resolve, and compassion and served as an inspiration to generations of that nation's freedom fighters; and

WHEREAS, While in exile, Mrs. Tambo worked as a nurse to support her own family, while helping the families of other exiles; she was a founding member of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Movement and the Pan-African Women's Organization, and she worked with the International Defense and Aid Fund to identify and assist families whose children left South Africa after 1976; and

WHEREAS, Later in life, she devoted herself to furthering the rights of the elderly and the disabled; in 2002, she received South Africa's top decoration, the Order of the Baobab in Gold, for her exceptional commitment to the struggles against apartheid and her dedication to community service and nation building; and

WHEREAS, A woman of towering courage and strength, Adelaide Tambo dedicated herself to the freedom of her people, and she will long be remembered with affection and greatest respect by all whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Adelaide Tambo: her children, Tembi, Dali, and Tselane; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Adelaide Tambo.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate